(d) if so, by when all such staff posted for more than five years in a particular section are likely to be transferred'.'

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Clerical/C categories of staff in CGHS Headquarter/Zonal Headquarters are transferred on completion of their tenure of 4 to 5 years in a particular place in phased manner, keeping in view the exigencies of work and in Public interest.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Necessary steps are being made to transfer such staff who have completed more than 5 years in a particular place in phased manner considering the administrative exigencies.

Heavy Toll of Kala Azar in the Country

3952. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister ,of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Kala Azar has again taken a heavy toll this year in Samastipur and other districts in the valunerable areas of Bihar and other States;

(b) if so, details of the reported cases and the toll of life claimed by the epidemic; and

(c) what steps were taken to prevent the spread of the disease and the expenditure involved theron; giving comparative figures for this year vis-a-vis those in the preceding two years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The number of reported cases and deaths due to Kala-Azar in the year 1993 are given in the Statement *(See* below)

(c) Control of vector through DDT spray in affected areas, early detection and treatment of cases with appropriate drugs and health education activities are being undertaken for control of Kala-Azar.

The expenditure incurred by the Central Govt, during the current year and the previous two years is as under:

Year	*Rs. in Crores*
1991-92	15.36
1992-93	20.00
1993 (upto June, '93)	1.04

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Statement of Kala-Azar cases and Deaths during 1993

Sl. No.	Affected District	1993 (Prov.) Cases	Deaths
	Bihar		
1.	Patna	192	1
2.	Nalanda	41	2
3.	Gaya	—	—
4.	Jahanabad	10	—
5.	Nawadah	4	—
6.	Aurangabad	—	—
7.	Bhojpur	67	4
8.	Rohtas	1	—
9.	Saran	897	19
10.	Siwan	494	—
11.	Gopalganj	546	8
12.	East Champaran	1697	11
13.	West Champaran	68	3
14.	Mazaffarpur	4037	113
15.	Sitamarhi	670	11
16.	Vaishali	1818	82
17.	Darbhanga	1359	22
18.	Madhubani	663	12
19.	Samastipur	3655	73
20.	Bhagalpur	358	—
21.	Monghyr	114	—
22.	Khagaria	621	—
23.	Begusarai	677	16
24.	Purnea	561	1
25.	Katihar	351	—
26.	Saharsa	967	4
27.	Madhepura	440	—
28.	Dumka	7	—
28.	Sahebganj	1023	4
30.	Godda	1742	—
31.	Ranchi	—	—
	TOTAL : Bihar (upto June, 1993)	23080	386

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Statement of Kala-Azar cases and Deaths during 1993

Sl. No.	Affected District	1993 (Prov.) Cases	Deaths
	West Bengal		
1.	Malda	44	—
2.	Murshidabad	157	—
3.	West Dinajpur	—	—
4.	24-Paraganas (N)	94	—
5.	24-Paraganas (S)	11	1
6.	Nadia	—	—
7.	Hooghly	—	—
8.	Burdwan	—	—
9.	Darjeeling	—	—
10.	Dakshin Dinajpur	27	—
	TOTAL—West Bengal (Upto April. '93	333	1
	GRAND TOTAL (Prov.)	23413	387

Grant of Equipment for Quit Qutab Shah Diagnostic Centre of A.P.

3953. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the AP. Government propose for grant of equipment for Quli Qutab Shah Diagnostic Centres of AP. under Technical Co-operation programme of Government of Japan: and

(b) if so. the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):
(a) and (b) The proposal of the Government of Andhra Pradesh in this behalf has been posed to the Japanese Authorities, whose response is awaited.

World Bank Report Regarding Custom of Female Genital Mutilation

3954. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent World Bank Report with regard to the custom of female genital mutilation being practiced among the minorities in India:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to make ■ any study in this regard: and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B SHANKARANAND):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government does not have any information on the subject.

Import of Medical Electronic Instruments and Equipments for Cancer Treatment

3955. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKF.R DAVE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the field of medical electronics is making rapid strides and several new and highly useful instruments have been introduced both in the diagnostic and therapeutic areas, and if so, what are the details of important instruments being introduced in the Indian hospitals;

(b) what are the details of the measures being taken by Government to enable deserving public and private hospitals acquire the lat st medical-electronic instruments and equipments for cancer treatment without paying c«t-toms duty:

(c) the number of application from hospitals for issuing them certificates for exemption from customs duty are pending with the Health Ministry and how many have been approved for the past four months, and the details of the equipment sought to be imported in each case; and

(d) whether Government consider disposing pending cases and allow cancer hospitals import cancer cure equipment without customs duty?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir. The details of some major medical electronic equipments introduced in the hospitals are as under:

(i) C.T. Scanner.